GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MANDATORY RURAL POSTING OF DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved the proposal for compulsory rural posting for doctors;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal mooted by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) whether one-year posting of doctors in rural and inaccessible areas will now be made part of the academic curriculum;

(d) if so, whether the same will be applicable to the private medical colleges also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(e) With a view to ensure availability of doctors in the rural areas of the country, the Government is considering a proposal for making mandatory one year rural posting for MBBS students passing out from all the medical colleges in country before granting them permanent registration to practice medicine.The one year rural posting is proposed to be treated compulsory before permanent registration is given.